

CITY OF NEWARK
DELAWARE

RESOLUTION NO. 17-__

RESOLUTION TO WELCOME, PROTECT AND DEFEND ALL RESIDENTS
BY MAKING NEWARK A WELCOMING CITY

WHEREAS, the City of Newark is home to thousands of people from all walks of life, of different races, religions, sexual orientations, and national and ethnic origins; and

WHEREAS, the City values and celebrates this diversity, which makes our community and our economy strong and vibrant; and

WHEREAS, a relationship of trust between the City and all residents, regardless of race, religion, sexual orientation, national origin, ethnicity or immigration status is essential for accomplishing core City functions, including protecting the safety and civil and human rights of all residents; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Newark, Delaware hereby declares as follows:

Section 1: Protection of Residents' Personal Information. It shall be the policy of all City departments, agencies and commissions not to provide non-publicly available information about an individual to any entity or official, including, but not limited to, any state or federal government agency or official, unless necessary to perform department, agency or commission duties or required by law.

Section 2: Restriction on Use of City Resources. It shall be the policy of all City departments, agencies and commissions not to identify, investigate or detain any person solely on the basis of a suspected violation of immigration law.

Section 3: Implementation and Training. To ensure meaningful implementation, the Newark Police Department has revised its Standard Operations Policy. Other City departments will review their policies to ensure compliance.

RESOLVED at a Regularly Scheduled Meeting on _____, 2017.

VOTE: __ to __.

Attest:

City Secretary

Mayor



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December 4, 2017

To: Members of Council

From: Mayor Polly Sierer

CC: Acting City Manager Tom Coleman
NPD Chief Paul Tiernan

Re: Welcoming City Resolution

Attached please find a resolution intended to put in writing the City of Newark's commitment to welcome, protect and defend all residents by making Newark a Welcoming City. This resolution has been reviewed by the Newark Police Department and City Solicitor Bruce Herron. Changes to police department policies, based on ACLU recommendations, already have been made. This proposed resolution meets NPD policies and practices.

After meeting with representatives of Network Delaware and several residents of our community, I have brought forward this resolution for Council's consideration and approval. Thank you for your support.